



COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
MINUTES – OCTOBER 8, 2009
Human Resources Training Room
575 Administration Drive, Suite 117C, Santa Rosa CA 95403

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chris Allen, Christina Brenner (Vice Chair), Jan DeWald, Karen Famini, Jan Kiely (Chair), Donna Roper (Officer at Large), Priscilla Vivio

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Liz Acosta, Mary Basham, Lisa Maldonado

JUNIOR COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Katherine Salinger

STAFF PRESENT: Nadine Jaillet

GUESTS PRESENT: Judy Ludovise

I. CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS AND GUESTS:

Jan Kiely called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM. The group welcomed new Commissioner DeWald.

II. CONSENT ITEMS:

Roper motioned to approve the October 8, 2009 Agenda and the September 10, 2009 Draft Commission Minutes, Famini seconded.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Judy Ludovise, 4H Program Coordinator for the county, introduced herself. Earlier in the year she had received solicitation for Junior Commissioner applications. The solicitation prompted her to view the Commission website, and at that time she became interested in attending a Commission meeting.

IV. APPOINTMENTS AND OPENINGS:

Kiely administered the Oath of Office to DeWald. Kiely announced that the current vacancies are: none in the 1st District, two in the 2nd, one in the 3rd, one in the 4th, and one in the 5th, totaling five openings.

V. SUPERVISOR COMMUNICATION UPDATES:

Brenner met with Kerns to report on her efforts with the Human Trafficking task force and the Commission.



Kiely attended the Board of Supervisors meeting on October 6, 2009 when the Board proclaimed October to be Domestic Violence Awareness month.

Roper mentioned there will be a fund raiser October 23 for Efren Carrillo at the Guerneville Veterans Auditorium.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

Work Plan:

Kiely would like to have the Work Plan on the Agenda each month, to track progress. Kiely invited all Commissioners to the October 27, 2009 Board of Supervisors meeting, when she will present the 2009 - 2011 Work Plan for their approval.

WIN Fund:

Roper contacted the YWCA, and reported there is \$8993.68 in WIN money currently being held. \$1006.32 is needed to make the \$10,000 minimum, required to establish an endowment. The YWCA can write a check directly to the SRJC Foundation, after the name of the scholarship has been decided. Roper motioned to name the scholarship: 'Commission on the Status of Women Scholarship Fund' with the criteria: 're-entry student, female preferred.' Vivio seconded. Famini opposed, motion carried.

Ideas and discussion occurred on how to raise the \$1006.32 difference. Brenner suggested approaching an organization to donate. Roper was not in favor, concerned that the Commission on the Status of Women be the only name associated with the endowment. Also, some organizations already have scholarships in the program, and may not be willing to donate. Roper asked if Commissioners would individually donate to make up the \$1006.32? Brenner suggested soliciting friends, CSW supporters, past Commissioners, past CSW speakers, and parents of Junior Commissioners. After discussion, Roper motioned: 'the Commission on the Status of Women will pay any balance needed to arrive at \$1006.32, from the CSW Community Issues budget, after donations received by December 31, 2009'. Famini seconded, all in favor. Checks can be made to: SRJC Foundation Commission on the Status of Women Scholarship Fund.

Sonoma State University Center for Community Engagement:

Roper contacted Merith Weisman, who referred her to Jodie Roth. Jodie suggested asking for volunteers on an as needed basis - sending her the information on specific volunteer needs, and at that time she will work to provide a volunteer(s).

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

Family Justice Center and Domestic Violence Awareness:

The scheduled presenters were unable to attend, and will be invited to speak at the November meeting.

Commission Meeting Schedule Review:

The regularly scheduled November 11, 2010 meeting falls on a County holiday, so the Commission meeting will move up one week, to November 4, 2010, according to CSW Bylaws.

Revised CSW Bylaws:

The revised Bylaws were reviewed. Roper moved to: approve the Bylaws as proposed. Famini seconded. All in favor.

VIII. ACTIVITY REPORTS: START

Junior Commission:

Famini reported the Junior Commissioners for 2009-2010 include students from Analy, El Molino, Maria Carrillo, Montgomery, Petaluma, and two home schools. Famini thanked Kiely, Basham, Roper, Allen, and Jeanne Robinson for their help and support during the Junior Commissioner Orientation. This year's Orientation was condensed, running one hour shorter than in previous years. Famini thanked the Santa Rosa Junior College for allowing her to use the Pedroncelli Building Board Room for orientation meeting location, free of charge.

One activity during Orientation was making poster board size collages depicting various perceptions / roles of women. Four collages were made this year, and Famini would like to have them displayed in the CSW office.

Famini asked Salinger her opinion of the Orientation. Salinger said overall it was a very good experience for her.

The Junior Commissioners also had their first meeting and Parent Orientation. Famini thanked Acosta for presenting an overview of local government and how it works to the Juniors. Famini shared the Working Agreement developed by the 2009-2010 Junior Commissioners to use as a courtesy guide during their meetings.

Women's History Month Coordinator

No report this month.

Community Issues Liaison & Coordinators:

- ◇ **ACCW (Association of California Commissions on Women) Liaison (Acosta):**
No report this month.
- ◇ **AAA (Area Agency on Aging Liaison) Liaison (Kiely):**
Kiely reported the AAA has not met since the September Commission meeting. She will make a report at the November Commission meeting.
- ◇ **Career Technical Education and Non-Traditional Career Liaison (Brenner):**
Brenner reported on an exciting model, out of Fresno, that involves a neutral property where students can go, for various types of hands on education. SCOE is hoping to receive grant money to create a similar concept in Sonoma County. Brenner reported the next Sonoma County Office of

Education (SCOE) Design Team meeting has not yet been scheduled, and the next Steering Committee meeting will be in January.

◇ **Domestic Violence Liaison (Roper):**

No report this month.

◇ **Human Trafficking Liaison (Brenner):**

Brenner has given presentations to two Petaluma Rotary clubs.

The Human Trafficking Task Force is in the initial phase of coordinating multiple agencies required to prepare system readiness after discovery.

Brenner is overseeing two Ursuline student's senior project: human trafficking with specific focus on the commercial sexual exploitation of minors. Brenner became aware of the girls' interest through a Soroptimist who attended the Human Trafficking awareness event in July, 2008, and who is a grandmother of one of the girls. The students became aware of the human trafficking problem a year ago when Nick Sensley spoke at an Ursuline assembly.

◇ **Legislation Coordinator (Vivio):**

Vivio will have an update next month, is following AB98.

◇ **Representation Coordinator (Roper):**

No report this month.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Attendance Report Distribution:

The attendance report was distributed.

Budget Report Distribution:

The budget report was distributed.

Correspondence:

The mailbag, electronically distributed earlier, was discussed.

X. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT COMMISSION MEETING:

XI. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Roper announced Lunafest will be playing in Santa Rosa on November 6, 2009. Lunafest is short films by, for, and about women. Tickets are \$40.

XII. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 6:00 PM.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Kiely adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.